



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3318.042 Additional assistance.

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(A) The board of education of any school district that is receiving assistance under sections 3318.01 to 3318.20 of the Revised Code after May 20, 1997, or under sections 3318.40 to 3318.45 of the Revised Code, and whose project is still under construction, may request that the Ohio school facilities commission examine whether the circumstances prescribed in either division (B)(1) or (2) of this section exist in the school district. If the commission so finds, the commission shall review the school district's original assessment and approved project and consider providing additional assistance to the school district to correct the prescribed conditions found to exist in the district. Additional assistance under this section shall be limited to additions to one or more buildings, remodeling of one or more buildings, or changes to the infrastructure of one or more buildings.

(B) Consideration of additional assistance to a school district under this section is warranted in either of the following circumstances:

(1) Additional work is needed to correct an oversight or deficiency not identified or included in the district's initial assessment.

(2) Other conditions exist that, in the opinion of the commission, warrant additions or remodeling of the project facilities or changes to infrastructure associated with the district's project that were not identified in the initial assessment and plan.

(C) If the commission decides in favor of providing additional assistance to any school district under this section, the school district shall be responsible for paying for its portion of the cost of the additions, remodeling, or infrastructure changes pursuant to section 3318.083 of the Revised Code. If, after making a financial evaluation of the school district, the commission determines that the school district is unable without undue hardship, according to the guidelines adopted by the commission, to fund the school district portion of the increase, then the state and the school district shall enter into an agreement whereby the state shall pay the portion of the cost increase attributable to the school district which is determined to be in excess of any local resources available to the



district and the district shall thereafter reimburse the state. The commission shall establish the district's schedule for reimbursing the state, which shall not extend beyond ten years. The commission may lengthen the reimbursement schedule of a school district that has entered into an agreement under this section prior to the effective date of this amendment as long as the total term of that schedule does not extend beyond ten years. Debt incurred under this section shall not be included in the calculation of the net indebtedness of the school district under section 133.06 of the Revised Code.